

# Lies, Deceit and Nefarious SCHEMES

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Welcome to the show that never ends, stalls sometimes but never ends. This is the 30th issue of LDNS, the zine that brings you more for less (or is it less for more?) This issue is brought to you by Jerry and Pat Jones (1854 Wagner St. Pasadena, CA 91107). Those wishing to call should dial (213) 449-0982. There are no game openings and the sub rate for LDNS is 10 issues for \$4.

I'm not going to make a bunch of excuses as to where the "Black Sheep" and the Demo game were last issue. Instead I'm going to ignore it and hope that you didn't notice.

DIPLOMACY WORLD: Jerry Jones (1854 Wagner St. Pasadena, CA 91107)

Sub rate one year (4 issues) for \$4. Yes, issue 22 of DIPLOMACY WORLD is in the mail. This issue deals with the upcoming DipCon and assorted other Dip related items. There is even an article by our own Leland Harmon. There was one layout error and if you get DW #22 here's where to make the correction. Turn to page 29. Read the first column and then turn the page to page 30 and read the first column until you get to the sentence that starts ... "England" is unequivocalby... Now return to page 29 and read the second column. Then go on to page thirty and pick up with ... "England" is unequivocalby... Confusing, but in every life a little rain must fall. Other than that I think that you will enjoy this issue and ones in the future. Remember, I know which ones of you don't subscribe.

A note on DW. When I took over DW there was a great outcry from the postal hobby about the future of DW and wanting to see it stay directed towards the postal hobby. I am afraid that if things keep going at the rate they are the postal hobby won't have much say in DW. Less than 3% of the new subscribers to DW are actively involved postally and I compared the subscription lists of DW and a few zines and found that a VERY limited number of people subscribed to both. The reason is simple. DW is not getting the coverage in the zines that it used to. Possibly this is due to the change of editors and publisher's were waiting until "all of the votes were in" before passing a plug. I hope that with issue 22 that will change.

The NA Zine and GM Poll: John Leeder (2202 Broadview Rd. NW, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2M 3B6) is asking everyone to once again cast your ballots for the zines and GM's of North America. List the zines you receive and rate them from 1 - 10. (1 being the best). Then list the GM's that you are involved with and rate them on the same scale. Believe it or no, but LDNS was 2nd last year. I'm not going to fool myself into thinking we're as good now as we were then but I do know where I hope to end up. Only time will tell now.

GLASC: It is next Saturday and Sunday (16th & 17th). I will be there on Saturday and if you come too, be sure to look me up.

## A Question of Standby's

I received quite a bit of response to my note on my feelings about standby's. Some of these reply's deserve some mention so in whole or in part, here are some responses.

STAN JOHNSON: I think you may have come up with a good idea, as regards standbys. Your remarks about the pitfalls of standby use are very true. It also seems to me that your new rules also cover countries that might otherwise go C.D. Your rules seem a much more effective way of dealing with this problem than is currently used.

I suggest that in addition you add one that would allow a unit to move to prevent the loss of a center...

((Well, as you will see on down the road, not everyone agreed with my rules. And justifiably so. As the GM of a game I want to stay out of the game as much as possible. It's your game, not mine.

I want to say at this time that that is what most GM's and pubbers forget. In the majority of cases, the GM seems to think that it's his game. Well, it's not. It's the players. Some GM's take it personal when a player NMR's as long as the moves are reported with an average amount of regularity and honest game reporting than the GM has done his job. As a GM I will go along with whatever whim the players want at the beginning of the game. All I do is figure the moves out and report it. The game is theirs, not mine.

Back to Stan's letter. I don't know if I want to get into the game that much. There would be a chance that by the moves I might be favoring one country over another.))

ROBERT STIMMEL: No, I don't agree with your policy of not replacing players who NMR.

In fact, in my 5-player game I plan to delay the game for NMRs (at least for a reasonable time) until orders are received from somebody for spring and fall seasons.

NMRs and CDs give too many advantages to their lucky neighbors and are unfair to other countries.

If I can't find any replacements I will eventually continue without them.

I like to play in games with NMRs and CDs whenever I can take advantage of them..

((As for the advantages and disadvantages of NMRs and CDs I'll speak on that later. ))

CLIFF HARDISTY: I disagree with your article on the use of standbys in Dip. I know that I can not speak with your experience and that the disadvantages that you listed are correct. I also know that I prefer to play the game with original player, but when a player NMR's or resigns from the game, I would want a standby to take the position. You can not communicate or negotiate with a country who is not there. That country may have been your ally or your enemy but something is lost from the game-Diplomacy- when you do not have the standby option.

((Like I said above, I talk on the disadvantages of no standbys later. As to your other question...I wouldn't, but don't tell anyone I said so.))

STEVE CARTIER: I myself am playing as a standby player in several games but there is no real justification for allowing an outsider to enter any game that has already started. Whenever I enter a game as a replacement I try to make my existence equally unfair to all

the other players. (This means attacking everywhere if possible). Ron Kelly also, (seems to me) always tries to prevent his presence from changing the general strategic structure already in progress. The rationale is that if we didn't standby, someone else would.

"Alternate" players (assigned to specific countries) who pay the same game fee and who are in the game from the first move would not be so objectionable but random "standbys" entering the game later ruin it because:

1. The original players have a very expensive investment in the game, both in time and money.

2. The player who plays so well that he discourages his opponents so much that they drop out should be entitled to some recognition for his skill, not penalized by suddenly having to face added enemies just because some historians don't like the "Civil Disorder" rule.

3. Most of a player's basic planning and strategy is dependent upon who is playing which country. The "standby" cannot be allowed for unless you know who he is going to be, which country is he going to play and when is he going to enter the game...

((Steve went on to add some ideas on standby's but he asked me not to print it and I will respect his wishes. My wishes are I wish that I could print them. They are definitely worth talking over. I hope that Steve will reconsider.))

MARK BERCH: I'm glad to read that you will be running a game with no standbys to be used. Freedom of choice is important to the hobby and right now it is virtually impossible for a player to get into a NA game with no standbys if that is his choice.

However, I personally would not play in such a game. Once a player drops out, the game is irrevocably changed. The question is then this: What should be done about it? With no standbys ("NSB") the units left behind become a dead corpse. With SB, there is at least the possibility, the potential, for resuming the game with the alliance structure as it was; with NSB there is no chance. Sure the standby may turn on his country's ally, which the CBs cannot do. But the standby could just step into his shoes. It is for this reason that I think that the use of SB will in general produce a better game. It gives the game the best chance for producing an only slightly disturbed game.

This is not a theoretical argument; you can see some of the problems if you examine the game stats for some European games. In some cases, a dropout causes the game to come to a screeching halt, or to a meaningless feed frenzy rather than a real war. In 77DV, there were only two players left in the game by Fall 1905. In 77GB by SO4 there were only two players left. Rather than continue a meaningless war, they drew, even though there was only 14 centers total between them -- 20 units were in cd. In 78BM, by SO3 there were only 4 players left, and the players saw no point in continuing. In 76IS by SO7, there were 17 units (3 countries) in cd. By contrast, in 1976GA a 15 center Germany dropped out. To continue play would have been absurd. However, that GM used standbys, so the game proceeded to a natural conclusion (G win).

With regard to your 2 special rules, I don't mean to sound harsh, but they look like they were just tossed in without very much thought, which is inconsistent with the standards that LDNS normally maintains. As to 1., suppose we have A Bur, A Mar and A Par all in CD. Player A supports himself into Par, Player B supports himself into Mar, no one attacks Bur. How do you decide which unit Bur is to support?

2. is justas ambiguous. Does A ~~Bas~~ retreat to Par, Mar or Bre???  
... My advise: Stick to the rulebook: Unordered units hold and do not retreat.

JERRY JONES: Ok, it's my turn. Let's talk about the advantages that one country gains when a neighbor drops.(using the NSB). First let's assume tht the drop was your ally and now you are without the extra "forces". Well, if your a good enough Diplomat to have him as an ally you should be good enough to keep him in the game or at least to submit the orders you suggest. And even if he doesn't do that who is in the best position to take his centers? ally he has left his back side open to his ally and closed to his enemy, so that you have the best shot as to keeping the bulk of your combined forces. And if he is your enemy? Well that just makes you job that much easier and the problem lies with the other players to see that you will grow and for them to take the necessary action to avert you growing too big.

As for people like Ron Kelly, etc. Sure, I can believe that they try to maintain the game in manner that the game is going BUT I think that these people are the exception, not the rule. Even tho, you can't tell me that someone who plays in many games isn't going to make a few friends and a few guys that he wants to get "even" with. If I stabbed someone in an other game I want a chance to talk to the guy as the game starts and so that I can prepare my game to take into account any preconceived ideas. I don't care to have this guy with his "vendetta" suddenly appear as my "ally?"

With reference to the games that Mark mentioned in his letter. First, 77DV. If I'm one of the two players left in the game, by God, you won't see me vote for the draw!!! When I start a game the odds are 7:1. If the odds are narrowed down to 2:1 you'll see this boy going out with his guns blazing! As for 76GA, why would continuing play be absurd? Why should I get beaten by a player who had nothing to do with the game. And if there is such a thing as a natural conclusion, why do we bother to play after a certain time? So allow me to refer to the game 1977SatNitePoker. When a group of guys sits down to play all or nothing (or in this example 50% or nothing)Poker and you leave early, you don't pass along your money to someone else. Someone just keeps tossing in your ante until you return or run out of money. When I'm in a game I want to know the entire score before I start, not during.

Which brings us to the comment on the rules. No Mark, they were thought out and have worked in the past. If the players agree to them at the start and they are told that moves will be made out for every country at the ~~xxxx/xx~~ end of each turn with no regard for the positions around the board or what ever criteria is used nothing can be said. If the number of games are small the GM can even use a system on playing blind for each army or fleet. Say the example you gave; A Bur doesn't know which unit to protect, Mar or Par. If Mar was attacked before that then the A Bur would support Mar because they know that an attack is eminent upon Mar. That would be very tricky and as I said earlier I do not wish to play the game for the players. But how about a mandatory set of general orders? You could say "all units hold" or "we protect ourselves from France" or "???" These would be called CD general orders and would be used when the country is in CD.

I don't have the perfect solution but I think the one we are using is perfect either (at least not for all of us).

THANX.

Did you ever wonder what would happen if

...the English units were Pink?

The words most often uttered by publishers...

"I know how to spell, I just don't know how to type." (See how many times you see that in one year.)

On the other end of the coin as the publisher you usually get a letter that goes something like... "...I relly lick your aine, but I must cmmeunt on you spellin' and graymar. You zine will be butter if you could spel."

Now youchuckle and and finger that he is being cute until you get his orders the next month and they go...

"Plese accept these ordres..."

You can't win!

Contest: As a new contest for LDNS subscribers we are offering a new contest. How many words (found in the English dictionary) can you make from the letters EFGIART? The winner will get his name printed in LDNS and will go down in the LDNS history books as the winner of the "How Many Words Can You Make from EFGIART" contest. How can you beat a deal like that?

BINGO: This month's Bingo numbers are:

1. O-66      2. N-39      3. N-35      3. B-15      4. G-57      5. B-5

With the increased popularity of trivia questions the LDNS staff has come up with a few of our own.

1. Who was the first President of the United States who NMR'd and when?
2. What's Allan B. Calhamers real name?
3. What significance does the size and shape of the Diplomacy pieces have?
4. Who is the third person to be admitted to the Diplomacy Hall of Fame? How many votes did he receive?
5. Who finished fourth in the 1976 DipCon Tournament?
6. In the documentary, "I was a teenage Diplomacyaddict" who was the actor who portrayed...Konrad Baumeister, Rod Walker, Walt Buchanan, and Mark Berch. To jar your memories a little, in this film Jerry Jones was accurately portrayed by Robert Redford.
7. What do Italy, Austria and Turkey all have in common?
8. What two time pennant winners from the Los Angeles area who this year has no bull pen, two starting pitchers, no batting and 3 million loyal(?) fans will be lucky if they are even allowed to watch the World Series on TV this year?
9. A pitcher pitches a perfect game(baseball) for nine innings and wins the game in in the nine innings and NEVER gives up a hit, walk or error. Also, none of the batting averages of the losing team changes. How is this possible, and who was the pitcher when it happened? (This is not a trick question!)
10. Multiple choice: A, B or C?

1977-HW end game statements:

TOM SHERWOOD: (Austria)

Does anyone remember this game as the West Coast Game? Well, anyway this is my first win and I've got it figured out that winning is more fun than losing.

The game started wvery standard. Oddly enough, I had very firm alliances with Turkey (David Hard), Italy (Dave Ditter), Germany (Chuck Spiekerman) and England (David Fugihara). With so many alliances, my only avenue for attack was Russia. I agreeded with Germany and Turkey to hit Russia. By 1903, Russia was gone, but Germany did outstanding and received Warsaw, Moscow, StPete and Sweden. Turkey and I only got one center apiece.

With Germany at ten units in 1903, he could have walked away with the game. I knew I had to keep myself competitive to stay in the game. Italy asked me to stab Turkey and because of Germany, I agreed. Because of this deal, I got all of the Balkans while Italy convoyed into Turkey.

By this time, my attitude toward Turkey had changed. Germany had allidd with England and attacked France. Dave Ditter showed a shrewd understanding of the game making him a dangerous ally if Turkey went out. Germany also wanted to get to Piedmont and attack France thru Mar. With the offer of help from Germany I reversed myself and attacked Italy. By the fall of 1905, I grabbed Venice and had all of Italy by Spring of 1907. But Germany was still ahead of me by two centers.

At GLASCON in August of 1978, I met Dave Ditter and we discussed the game. Dave felt I would be the next victim of Germany. Well, that didn't set well with me. I knew Germany was losing interest in the game and asked me to draw. England had not been invited to draw with Austria and Germany. I used this as a wedge and talked England into attacking Ger. We did attack, but to keep things interesting Turkey turned around and stabbed me. Turkey got Greece and Bul, but I received War and Mar and stayed even at eleven centers.

The next three years turned into a stalemate. I had a line against Germany and kept harrassing Turkey for a cease fire. Finally after giving Turkey Sov and Gre in return Turkey would go against Germany's Russian centers. Finally I got lucky, Germany NMR's and I get Berlin, Mun and Mos. With sixteen centers I decide to go for it all and make my plans for a couple more of Germany's centers. But Turkey starts to move toward Tru and is making threatening noises. I attack Turkey again and win.

Germany should have won because he was ahead until 1908. His only mistake was not including England into the draw. If Chuck had not quit the game it would still be going on. England was the best ally one could have, he was far enough away from me to be dangerous but close enough to help. Dave always kept in touch and did very well for himself. Thanks Dave.

Turkey could never figure out what I was up to. But he's a hell of a nice guy and always kept me relatively honest. I always told Dave I'd keep him in the action and watch out for him. I did most of the time. The old tip of the hat to Jerry and Pat for a well organized and well GM'ed gae. The game was interesting and fun, and that's what it is all about.

DAVE DITTER (Italy)

Tom Sherwood played a fine game, my big mistake was in 1904 when I dropped to 4 units and Austria (Tom) moved to 8 units, from that point on the I-A alliance fell apart. I was too weak to stop an Austrian stab and Turkey was playing the game for survival, (which I still find hard

to believe), by Dave's own admission. Hopefully he has turned around his ideas about playing Diplomacy - to win after talking to Jim Bumpas at DipCon in Northridge. That would be my major benefit of the game.

In the end Sherwood deserved to win, had the Eng-Ger alliance stayed alive then it might have been interesting. Damn, I just can't play Italy, I've either drawn or won with the other positions, all except Italy. That bolsters my spirit because if Jerry can do it, I still have a chance.

((What Dave is referring to is my recent 18 center win as Italy. Modesty prevents me from going on, but the "How to Win with Italy" classes begin next week.))

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197-KC Game ends with a GERMAN victory.

Fall 1910

Aus (Steve Shields) All units hold.....has 15  
 Fra (John Caruso) all units hold.....has 1  
 Ger (Craig Reges) all units hold.....has 18

Game: 1977-KC. Zine: LDNS. GM: Jerry Jones

Aus: (Steve Shields, Eng: Jim Diel (OFO5). France (John Caruso.  
 Ger: Craig Reges (WF10). Dave Mueth (OFO5. Rus: Carl Eichelberger (RFO5).  
 Tur: John Machir (OFO7) Started: 10/15/77

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
A	5	6	8	9	11	11	13	14	16	15	
E	4	4	3	2	0						
F	4	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	1	1	
G	6	8	10	10	14	16	16	15	17	18	WINS
I	4	4	3	2	0						
R	5	4	3	2	0						
T	4	3	3	4	3	2	0				

"My congrats to Germany. Also to all who made the game possible." - Steve Shields.

((That goes double for me. In this game, my records show that there was ONE NMR in the entire 10 years!!! You couldn't ask for a better game. I owe John, Craig and Steve two bucks. How you guys want it?))

End game statements?

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1977-KX S'09

AUS (Dave Hord) 3 A Run-Ser; A Ukr-Run (A Gal S).  
 ENG (Leland Harmon) 13 A Mos-StP; A Edi-Nwy (F Nth C); A Lon-Bel (F EngC);  
A Hol-Kiel (F Hel & A Den S); A Gas-Bur/d/; A Pied-Tus (F Lyon S);  
F Tun H (F WMed S).  
 FRA (Craig Reges) 2 A Par S F Bro; F Bre H.  
 GER (Ken Peterson) 5 A War-Mos (A Lvn S); A Ruh-Bur (A Mun S); A Boh-Sil.  
 ITA (Ron Kelly) 4 A Tyro-Ven; A Ven-Ron (F Tyrr S); F Nap S F Tyrr.  
 RUS (C.O.) A Ser  
 TUR (Tim Long) 6 F Ion S ITA F Tyrr; F Aeg S F Ion; A Ser-Run (A Bud S);  
A Arm-Bul (F Blk c).

Note: the Eng unit ordered as "A Gas-Bur" was ordered last issue and was successful so England had A Bur not A Gas, ergo A Bur must retreat.

1977-KX Con't

ENG A Bur ret Gas, Mar or OTB.

There is a call for an English concession.

Fall 1909 orders along with votes on concession are due noon Sat July 7th.

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1978-AK F 1907

AUS (Leland Harmon) 11 A Run-Con/imp/(A Gre S); A Ser S A Gre; A Sev-Arn;  
A Tri-Van; A Ven-Ron; F Ron-Tyrr; F Spasc S GER A Bul-Mar.

FRA (Steve Shields) 4 Units raise white flag. All hold. NRR for F Cly.

GM retreats it OTB. Has F Lvp /d/; A York /annih/; A Mar /d/

GER (Cliff Hardisty) 14 A StP H; A Mos H; A Tyro unordered H; A Bur-Mar  
(A Gas S); A Bel-Bur; F Eng-MAO; A Wal-Lvp (F lrs & F Cly S); F Nth-Edi;  
A Lon S RUS F Edi-York.

ITA (Mitch Bailes) 1 Retreats A Ven-Apu. A Apu-Nap.

RUS (Bob Gallagher) F Edi-York.

TUR (Ron Kelly) 3 A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Gre (F Aeg S).

FRE A Mar ret Pied or OTB

FRE F Lvp ret NAO or OTB.

Supply Chart:

Aus Home ~~X/X~~ Gre Run Ser ~~X/X~~ Tun Sev Rom VEN SPA...has 11...+3

Fra ~~X/X~~ Por ~~X/X~~ ~~X/X~~...has 1...-1

Ger Home Hol Den War StP Mos Nwy Bel Swe Par Bre Lon EDI LVP MAR...has 17  
...+3

Ita ~~X/X~~ NAP...has 1...even

Rus ~~X/X~~...out

Tur Home BUL...has 4...+1

There is a call for A/G draw. Votes are due with Winter builds and Spring orders. Due noon Jul 7th.

Press:

BUDAPEST: OK, guys, I don't know who is getting their thrills by consistently voting down the draw. You'd think the excitement would wear off eventually. If I must kick every one of you off the board, then so be it! I'll get ya!

MARSEILLES: The French government today, vetoed the concession towards Germany and Austria. Afterward it was learned the French General Crazze Wilde Guy had surrendered to the German War Machine in the hope of stopping the Austrian shot at victory.

BERLIN: At the request of the Russian Fleet Admiral, Russia's Fleet Edi has been put into moth balls. A formal retirement ceremony will be held for this once great fighter.

BERLIN: The German High Command announced today that with the French Campaign nearing its end, talks are to deal with the Turkish situation. It must be decided at once who gets the light and who gets the dark meat.

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1978-CE Separation of Seasons Winter 1907

Eng (Cliff Hardisty) 13 builds F Lvp and A Lon

Fra (Lee Kendter Sr) 9 Builds A Par and F Mar

Rus (Leland Harmon) 7 Removes F Lvn & A Bul

Tur (Carl Eichelberger) 5 Builds F Con.

SO3 orders are on file for all. Changes are due noon July 7th.

Rus army Tri retreated Bud.



1978-AS

Fall 1907

AUS (Jack Powers) 12 A Boh-Mun (A Tyro S); F Rom-Tus (A Pied S);  
A Tus-Ven; F Ion-Nap (A Apu S); A Ser-Bul; A Smy H; A Vie-Gal;  
F Aeg-Ion.  
ENG (Jerod Poore) 9 A Edi-StP (F Nwg & F Bar C, F Nwy & F Fin S);  
F Eng-MAO; F Tun S F Tyrr; F Tyrr S F Tun; A Mar-Pied.  
FRA (CD) F Port  
GER (Leland Harmon) 6 A StP H /annih/; F Kie-Bar (F Bal S); A Bur &  
A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S RUS A Sil-Boh/nso/.  
ITA (Stan Johnson) 1 F EMed H.  
RUS (Craig Reges) 6 A Mos-StP (A Lvn S); A Ber S AUS A Boh-Mun; F Con H;  
A Sil S A Ber; A War-Pru.

German A Lvn retreated to StP.

Draw votes fail. Draw called for: A/R. or E/F/T or E/I/F/T

#### Supply Chart:

Aus Home Ser Græ Rum Bul Smy Ven Rom Nap...11...even  
Eng Home Nwy StP Bre Sm Mar Tun...has 9...even  
Fra Por even  
Ger Mun Kiel Hol Par Bel Den...5...+1 (no room to build)  
Ita Spa even  
Rus Sev Mos War Ank Con Ber...6...even

Spring 1908 orders are due noon Jul 7th. A sep of seasons will not be granted. Don't forget the draw votes.

#### Press:

Vienna-Portugal) - See Tony; if you're out there. I told you I wouldn't forget you.

Trieste-World) The archduke announced today his refusal to participate in any illegal world affairs. He said he would not only vote against any peace agreement not including all countries represented in the world in its invitation but it is not worth the paper its written on. He then announced a 6 way Peace treaty and the close of Austrian poppy fields in Smyrna. He also asked Civil Director Tony Watson to pay his hotel bill in the Waldorf-Austrian for French Ambassadors. The Stock Market-after hearing the Archduke's talk closed +92 but paper stocks weren't worth two cents.

Budapest-Kiel- Thanks! Your clever press had me laughing so hard my wife had to walk around nude to get me to stop. Leland at least you could offer a legal draw. As I wrote you Rule II sent. 2 states... "..., in which case all players who still have pieces on the board share equally in a draw." So Leland first you get your act together. Sorry about the statement in the north. At least Russia is in on the southern front. Hope you don't get boarded.

Vienna-Warsaw - I didn't hear from you. Must be exams, Didn't give support the C.O.O. 6-6-79.

Kiel to London: You got it, brother, we'll kick these hamburgers so hard they'll never ketchup.

Kiel to Budapest: Big words of praise make me giggle and sneeze.

(England) - His majesty is still perturbed over the freaky draw things. So a new draw has been proposed: EFT or EFIT. Remember to vote for one of the two, huzzah!

PASDDENA: For the record - my house rules allow any type of draw that is agreed upon by all of the continuing players.

1978-FI W05/S06

AUS (Roger Bermingham) 1 A Boh S RUS A Sil.  
ENG (David Bohde) 7 F Bal-Both; A Nwy-Swe (A Den S); F Nwg-Nwy (F Bar S);  
F Nth-Ska.  
FRA (Eric Verheiden) 8 F WMed H (F Naf S); F Spasc S F Lyon; A Mar-Pied  
(F Lyon S); A Ruh S A Mun; A Ber-Sil (A Mun S).  
ITA (Bob Sergeant) 7 Builds A Ven; F Tus S F Tyrr; F Tyrr S F Tun;  
F Tun S F Tyrr; A Ser-Tri; A Ven-Pied (A Tyro S); F Bulsc H; F Ion  
S F Tun.  
RUS (Steve McLendon) 7 A Run-Ank (F Blk C); A Sil H; A StP-Nwy (F Swe S-  
/d/ot Fin or OTB; A War-Pru; F Both-Bal.  
TUR (CD) has A Con A Sny F Aeg.

There is a call for a RIEF draw.

Fall orders and draw votes are due noon Jul 7th.

Press:

PARIS: It is not difficult to see the way things are headed, particularly  
with Turkey out of the action. I would prefer to see some stray unit  
blunder into Vienna, however, failing that I suppose a five-way draw  
is inevitable. Comments? Question? Blundering units?

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1978-HP Fall 1904

AUS (Carl Eichelberger) 3 A Vie-Bud (A Ser S); A Tri S A Ser.  
ENG (Dave Ditter) 4 F Nwy S RUS F Both-StP/c/; F Nth-Den; A Edi-Yor;  
F Wal-Lon.  
FRA (Teresa Powers) 6 F Naf-Tun; A Bel-Hol; F Lyon-WMed; F Pied-Eng;  
F Bar-StPsc; A Bur S ITA A Tyro-Mun/nso/.  
GER (Stan Johnson) 5 A Hol-Bel; A Mun H; A Sil S A Mun; F Swe-Nwy  
(F Ska S).  
ITA (Don Kelly) 4 F Ion-Tun; A Tyro-Pied (A Ven S); F Nap-Tyrr.  
RUS (Rick Price) 5 F Both-StPsc; A Gal-Bud (A Run S); A War-Gal;  
A Sev-Mos.  
TUR (Tom Sherwood) 6 F EMed-Sny; A Alb-Ser (A Bul S); F Gre & F Aeg S  
A Bul.

ENG F Nwy ret nwg, cNth or OTB.

Supply Chart:

Aus Vie ~~B~~/A Tri SER...3...even  
Eng Home ~~NW~~/, DEN...4...even  
Fra Home Por Spa Bel...6...even  
Ger Home Hcl ~~S~~/A Swe NWY...6...+1  
ITA Home Tun...4...even  
RUS Home Run BUD...6...+1  
Tur Home Gre Bul ~~S~~/A...5...even

Winter '04 and Spring '05 orders are due noon July 7th.

Press:

PARIS - Princess declares Andy Crazy! Andy moves vs. everyone. Explains  
"One of our enemies has got to turn friendly. Attack them all."  
UPI dateline Berlin, Somewhere in the halls of Power Ach, Gott in Himmel!  
(Prince T.) What am I to do. The French are trying to invade the Ruhr,  
Russia is attacking us in Sweden and now England is up to some new  
delivery in the North. What am I to do? Aide "Sir, there is a  
messenger here with an important dispatch." "Send him away. I can't

(1978-HP press)

take anymore!" "Wir it has to be good news; I mean what else could go wrong?" "Maybe you're right, OK. Show him in." Enter the messenger. "Sir tis the most grave calamity!!" "What's that?" "The Italian Battalions are marching on Munich!" "It looks like it's going to be one of those wars."

(Balcony of Castle on shores of Brest-Press conference)

The Princess arises to the edge while Andy runs out of the shower to her aid.

Andy. "Princess, whats this I hear about your going back to the Ruhr."

Princess. "Boy, Andy. You know my moves before I do!"

A - "Well Princess, who are you helping now?" "Eng, Turk, Rus Italy or Austria?"

P - "Well I'm really not sure. Italy needs our help, so I must go to his aid, else Turkey will soon be in Spain. If he protests Austria and Turkey could use a friend. Russia wants Germany anyway we can help. Eng claims he will help us vs. anyone to live. Why bother fighting our aid? Germany isn't hurting he's just not helping. Why anger the world? The world dictates our move."

A - "You mean you're going to move into the Ruhr to help stop England? I've heard that one before. He'll never fall for it. Besides that means you must finally expose you Brest for the English sailor to grab."

P - "That's why I'm here" she said while handing Andy the flag off the balcony. "It's almost exciting as your standing in front of 50,000 people soaking wet and stark naked."  
Andy blushes.

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1978-IR Fall 1902

AUS (Dave Pilant) 4 F Aeg-Gre; A Boh-Vie (A Bud S); A Tri-Tyro/d/.  
Austrian A Vie retreated to Boh.

ENG (Chisholm) NMR Has A Edi, F Lon F Edi.

FRA (Cliff Hardisty) 5 A Spa-Por; F MAO-NAO; A Bur H; A Bel-Wal (F Eng C

GER (Bob Beardsley) 5 A Den-Hol (F Nth C); A Kiel-Ruh (A Mun S);  
F Hel S F Nth.

ITA (Bob Gallagher) 5 F Ion-Gre; F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Tri (A Tyro S);  
A Vie S RUS A Gal-Bud/annih/.

RUS (Stan Johnson) 7 A StF-Nwy (F Swe S); A Ukr-Sev; A Gal S F Rum;  
F Bar-Nwg; F Sev-Blk (F Rum S).

TUR (Don Ditter) 4 F Blk-Rum/d/ (A Bul S); A Arn-Sev; F Con-Aeg.

Aus A Tri ret Ser, Abb or OTB Tur F Blk ret Ank or OTB.

Supply Chart:

Aus Vie Bud Ser Gro...4...even  
Eng Home...3...even  
Fra Home Spa Bel Por...6...+1  
Ger Home Hol Den...5...even  
Ita Home Tri Tun...5...even  
Rus Home Swe Rum Nwy...6...even  
Tur Home Bul...4...even.

Yawn!!!!

Winter '02 AND Spring '03 orders are due noon Jul 7th.

Press:

(Russia) What a dummy is Ditter, That Turkey is Jerky. The war he set brewing will be his undoing.

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PARIS: The President of the Republic of France has issued a public apology to the Kaiser of Prussia. This was for the false information that France would attack its only ally. It is hoped that the apology was accepted.

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1979-J Spring 1902

Aus (Holton) NMR has A Bud, A Tri, F Gre, A Ser /d/.  
Eng (Joy) NMR has F Nwg, F Nth, A Edi, A Nwy /annih/.  
FRA (Steve Cartier) A Par-Pic; A Bur-Ruh; A Spa-Mar; F Por-Spasc.  
GER (Ken Peterson) F Kiel-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; F Den S RUS F Swe;  
F Hol unordered.  
ITA (Cruinshank) NMR A Tyro, Tus, F ion.  
RUS (John Morris) A Vic-Bud; A Rum S TUR A Bul-Ser; A War-Gal;  
F Sev S A Rum; A Mos-StP; A StP-Nwy (F Swe S).  
TUR (Ray Garcia) A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Smy-Aeg; F Blk-Con.

Aus army Ser ret Alb or OTB,

Will Tom Mirti please standby for Austria  
(see coa)

Will Craig Reges please standby for Eng  
(16 W761 White Pines, Bensenville, IL 60106)

Will Ron Kelly please standby for Ita.  
(6038 Richmond Hwy. Apt 314. Alexandria, VA 22303)

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1979-P Spring 1902 Typo last issue: Eng built F Lon not A Lon.

Aus (Bob Berkeley) A Vic-Gal; A Bud-Ser (A Tri S); F Gre-Aeg.  
Eng (Stan Johnson) F Nwg-Ber; F Nth-Ska; F Lon-Nth; A Nwy-Fin.  
Fra (Carl Eichelberger) F Por-MAO; A Par-Bur (A Mar S); A Bel-Ruh;  
A Bre-Pic; A Spa-Gas.  
Ger (Steve McLendon) A Mun-Tyro; A Hol H; A Kiel S A Hol; A Den-Hol;  
F Ber-Bal.  
Ita (Andy Meier) A Tyro-Boh; A Ven-Tyro; F Tun-Tyrr; F Nap-Ion.  
Rus (Cliff Hardisty) A StP-Fin; F Both-Swe; A Gal-Bud; A Rum S TUR A Bul-Ser.  
Tur (Leland Harmon). A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul (F Blk S); F Smy-EMed.

All your Fall orders are due noon july 7th.

Press:

Constantinople to Trieste: Braaaaaack! Your vain pleadings only aggravate the cause. A Greece/Serbia peace offering? Is that the best you have to offer? Die, you overgrown lizard, before I really get upset!

Smyrna to Rome: Alsa! Evasion! Lies! Subterfuge! Where is the Pope we used to know and...well, anyway. If it's war you want, wait your turn! Bloody blaggard, I'm busy now. If you'll help me clean up Austria, perhaps I can then oblige in much better form. If you must remain loyal to tha scalawag, then go back to your hole.

ST. PETE: With the failures of the Russian Nayal commanders still on his mind, the Emperor of all the Russians, has recalled all navy and Army Commanders. A reeducation program has been instituted on their behalf. In this way it is hoped that they can learn to read and write.

VIENNA: "War Declared" Our beleagured Land today finds itself facing many foes. With heartfelt thanks to our Italian allies led by

Meier the Merciful Munifucence we have thrust back the barbaric hun only to now find ourselves faced by Russo-Turkish assaults. To this end I, Lord High Chancellor Berkeley do hereby Declare a state of War on Russia--wait---no, make that, let's see, yeah make that Turkey, yes yes, Turkey it is! Rumania we can forgive, Galicia hey what the heck, all that Russian manure is good for the soil but Sacred Serbia is absolutely a violation of Sacred Austrian Dominions and to this end we shall shatter the Ottoman once and for all. Amen. "Gott Mitt Yns!" (thunderous applause, shouts of On to Constantinople and Turks are Jerks.)

TRIESTE - A mighty 1000,000 strong land army has been raised to fight Austria's two-front war. Mountain Alpine gear and summer shorts were issued to the troops along with instructions on how to keep from freezing to death in the heat of the desert sun. Young General von Schikelgruber has called for an advance on Moscow, a declaration of War on France & England, unification with Germany, genocide upon the Turks and reduction of Italy's army to a role of clearing mine fields, cleaning Teutonic Scots and pulling trucks out of the mud. Chancellor Berkeley has ordered the former art student to cease and desist his scurrilous attacks upon Austria's present foreign policy and to pay more attention to preparing his troops for combat.

Radio Budapest (Wireless) to Operator Blue Dove/London: "Peter sends his regards - rpt - Peter sends his regards."

Radio Budapest to Operator Whited Dove/Paris: "The lion sleeps, the lion sleeps."

ARMY BUDAPEST: Dear Papa, we have been training and detraining for five weeks now. It seems th t we are at peace with the Russians but our sergeants tell us not to believe it, they even speak with disgust at letting the Itl lians march into Tyrolia. "We'll only get them out with the gayenet now,; and yet it was pleasant chasing oth the Huns and a great relief to see thousands of the Italians attacking the Northern traitors imagine attacking us; their Teutonic cousins!

So far so good, the Italians side actively with us and we have checked the advances of the Russian, the Turk and the German. Seeking an easy victory by a massed assault they have they have met only destruction on our borders.

Chancellor Berkeley is a wily fox and his bob & weave tactics have so far seen us through somechairy weeks. Bah! The train whistles and we are off again, but against what foe? Your son, Gunnz.

ROMA: Italy is now to take its place among the Great Nations of Europe. In a truly grand manner we claim our birthright as a nation whose thumb deserves to rest squarely on what we call the "Jugular vein of Europe." Italy also will plant deep roots in Asia Minor so as to "suck sistenance" for itself.

Italy calls upon all of Europe to condemn Ho-munn Bey, direct decenda of Vlad the Impaler of Rumania, and call for his erasure from the map.

Too long has VonLondon squatted on the European CommonGround th t same turf he calls Germany. Raus mit das scheisskopf! Herr VonLondon! Sie hat kein mehr zeit! Wann sie mein sklav wollen sein dann will ich nach dir gut sprechen. So much for kraut talk. Surrender you caredevil loon!

When Germany and Turkey are no more and their peoples clapped in irons I shall have myself annointed Caesar. VonLondon & Hermunn will be chained to rude, wooden plans and be forced under salted lash to plant marginal-yeild meadows in Sicily. Great fun and sport, wot?

PARIS: Extreme overpopulation has hit the French Empire. The President

who has been held personally responsible for this "event", has been busy organizing special work forces to clean up the countryside. Whose country side is still a matter of opinion.

BELGIUM: Thor Lowerdahl, that very great famous French leader of pun-ative expenitions, has been sent as a special ambassador to England. He boarded hes ship, the Liki Tiki, and sailed for London just last week. Today he sent back this report:

"While awaiting an audience with the Prime Minister, I chanced to hear about a strange English custom that still survives in Wales today. It seems a section of Wales is still controlled by King Shardik, who is a very intelligent giant Bear. This King retains the custom of bestowing Knighthood on those who earn it by combat. Once a month, there is a tournament where hopeful young men come to try for this position. After the tournament, the would-be Knights go up to Shardik and kneel before him. If the King likes him, he Knights him on the spot. If he doesn't he clobbers them over the head with his giant paw killing them instantly. Since the people in this region are poor, there are usually plenty of applicants for Knighthood, even with the risk. The family of those who are killed are given a sheepdog from the royal kennels as a sort of consolation prize.

The moral of this story is, of course: On the mourning after a terrible Knight, nothing is better than a dog of the bear that hit you."

((Heeeeeeellllllllppppppppppppp:!!!!!!!!!!!!))

#### THE BLACK SHEEP

1977-FJ Spring 1906

Aus (Matuschak) F Tus-Lyon (F Tyrr S); F Ion-Nap; F Alb-Ion; A Rom-Tus;  
A Pied H (A Ven S); A Mun-Kiel; A Vie-Adr; A Boh-Mun (A Tyro S).  
Eng (Reges) F StP-Nwy.  
Fra (Dave Ditter) F Eng-Nth (F Nwg S); F WMod-MAO; F Lyon-Spasc;  
A Bur-Ruh (A Bel S); A Mar-Bur.  
Ger (Peterson) F Edi-Nth; A Hol-Kie.  
Ita (Locke) F Tun H.  
Rus (Michalski) F Nth-Hel; F Lon-Wal; F Den-Bal; A Ber-Kiel; A Sev-Ukr;  
A Mos-StP (A Lvn S); A Sil S AUS A Boh-Mun; A War-Pru.  
F Aeg S AUS F Ion /nso/.

Fall 1906 orders are due noon Jul 7th.

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1977-HH Winter 1903

Aus (Gallagher) Removes A Run. has A Tyro, Ven Bud F Tri.  
Eng (Birmingham) even. has A Wal StP F Nth Eng Port  
Fra (Mueth) Builds A Par has A Par Bro Spa F MAO.  
Ger (Michalski) Builds F Kiel & F Ber. has A Nwy Hol Mun Vie  
F Kiel Ber Bel Den  
Ita (Reges) even A Tun F Ion A Rom  
Rus (Tucker) A Mos Ukr Gal F Sev  
Tur (Johnson) builds A Smy has A Smy Bul Ser Gre F Blk Aeg

Spring 1904 orders on file for G/R/E.

Spring 1904 orders are due noon Jul 7th.

1976-Y Spr 1907

AUS (Watson) A Sev-Arn; A Vie-Boh; A Bud H; A Gre-Ser; F Ion Gre  
(A Bul S); A Rum S A Bul; A Ber-Kiel; A Sil-Ber.  
ENG (Kendter Sr.) F Lon-Nth; A Kiel H; A Bel H; F Nth-Hel; F Irs-NAO.  
FRA (Kelly) F Bre-MAO (F Por S); A Hol S ENG A Kiel; A Ruh-Bur.  
ITA (Rohde) F Nap-Ion; F Syr-Smy; A Mar-Bur (A Mun S); F WMed-MAO  
(F Spasc S); A Gas-PAR.  
RUS (Heinowski) A Nwy-Fin; A Ber-Kiel /nsu?/ (A Den S); A Pru-War;  
F Swe S A Den /nsu?/; A Mos-Sev; F StPnc-Nwy.  
TUR (Eichelberger) F Aeg-Smy; F Blk-Con; A Arm-Sev.

Fall 1907 orders are due noon July 7th.

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1978-II Fall 1906

Aus (Holton) A Vie S A Bud/d/ret Tyro, Tri or OTB; A Bud S A Vie;  
A Ser S A Bud; F Bulsc-Con.  
ENG (Bannon) F Nwg-NAO; A Den-Bel (F Nth C) (F Hol & F Eng S);  
F Irs-MAO; F Swe H; F Kiel-Ber/d/ret Den Hel Bal or OTB.  
FRA (Kelly) A Mar S A Spa; A Spa S A Mar; A Bel-Hol/d/ret Pic, Bur or OTB;  
F MAO S F Bre; F Bre S F MAO; A Ruh S A Mun-Kiel; A Mun-Kiel.  
ITA (Caruso) A Pie H; A Naf-Spa (F WMed C); F Tyrr-Ion; F Aeg S AUS  
F Bulsc-Con.  
RUS (Scheutz) F StPsc-Both; A Pru-Ber; A Gal-Vie (A Boh S); A Rum-Bud;  
A Sev-Con/imp/.  
TUR (Xmith) A Ank-Con (A Smy S); F Con-Bulsc.

Supply Chart:

AUS Bud ~~W~~ Bul Ser Gre...4...+1(no room)  
ENG Home Hol Den ~~K~~ Nwy ~~B~~ BEL SWE...8...+1  
FRA Home ~~Z~~ Spa Por Mun KIEL...7...even  
ITA Home Tun Tri...5...even  
RUS Home Rum VIE ~~S~~ ...6...even  
TUR Home...3...even

Spring '07 (and Winter '06) orders are due noon Jul 7th.

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1978-IJ W'06 Concession fails/

FRA (Schuetz) Builds A Mar F Bre  
Ger (Peterson) Even  
Ita (Kendter Sr.) Builds F Nap.  
Rus (CD) Swe Gal  
Tur (Kirchner) Even

There is a call for a IFT draw. Votes are due along with your Spring  
orders. Due July 7th noon.

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1978-AE Winter 1905

Eng (Kendter Jr.) Remove F Edi, F Lvp.  
Fra (Mueth) Builds A Mar  
GER (Eichelberger) A Mun ret Sil  
Ita (Sulsberger) even  
Rus (Kelly) F Swe ret OTB.  
Tur (Brown) Had a build due. Builds A Con.  
Spring '06 due Jul 7th.

1977-KO Winter 1904

AUS (Caswell) even Has A Ukr Gal Vie Bul Rum F Gre.  
ENG (Caruso) Builds A Lvp has A Lvp Gas F StPnc Nwy Nwg Spasc MAO Eng  
Fra (Reges) even A Por F Mar  
GER (Sokol) Builds A Ber has F Bal A Ber War Sil Pic Mun Lvn Bur  
ITA (Michal) even has A Tyro Lied F Naf WMed.  
Rus (Johnson-resigns) CD has A Fin F Both.  
TUR (Grabar) even A Con F Blk Smy

Spring 1905 (on file for FEGIT) due jul 7th noon.

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WANTINGTOHITTHESPACEBARANDITSDRIVINGMECRAZYANDIFIEVERDOTHISKINDOFTHINGAGAIN  
IMSURETHATTHEYWILLTAKEMEAWAYFORALONGTIME.THANX.

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